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SUBJ: SHIPPING: GOP PREFERENCE DECREE

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1. WE DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH ROBERT H. SMITH, LOCAL SEA-LAND MANAGER. HE WAS SURPRISED THAT USG FOUND ITSELF IN POSITION TO TAKE LITTLE ACTION AND SAID HE HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION THAT HIS PRINCIPALS AND THOSE OF OTHER U.S. SHIPPING COMPANIES HAD MADE FAIRLY STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO INTERESTED USG AGENCIES. WE POINTED OUT CONTENTS PARAGRAPH 3 AND 4 REFTEL AND SAID WE OBVIOUSLY NEEDED FACTS ON WHICH TO BUILD CASE. SMITH SAID HE WOULD MEET WITH OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY SHIPPING COMPANIES TO PREPARE STUDY OF IMPACT. HE SAID HE BELIEVED SEA-LAND WAS ALREADY FEELING EFFECT OF PD 894 IN SHIPMENT OF CCC-FINANCED COMMODITIES ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO DOCUMENT THE CASE.

2. COMMENT: WE APPRECIATE REFTEL WHICH PERMITS US TO REITERATE POINT WITH LOCAL AGENTS THAT INITIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS THEIRS FOR MAKING CASE ON IMPACT OF PD 894. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, SMITH'S
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STATEMENT REGARDING EFFECT ON CCC-FINANCED

COMMODITIES ACTUALLY REFERS TO EARLIER DBP AND CB
POLICY REQUIRING GOP-FINANCED CARGOS TO BE SHIPPED
ON PHILIPPINE SHIPS WITH PROVISION FOR A WAIVER.
THIS SITUATION PERTAINS TO THE DBP/CCC FINANCING OF
OVERDUE COTTON CONTRACTS.
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